

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 27 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 28 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023 at 17:23 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for changeable but warmer weather for Friday onwards but low for daily detail of showers and low cloud.

Headline for Thursday 27 Apr 2023: Cold with rain and snow in the morning, drier in the afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

Low Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	40%	70%	70%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Weather: Overcast with widespread snow extending northwards through the morning, this turning to rain from mid-morning as it turns less cold from the south. The afternoon and evening will see more in the way of drier weather but still with a little patchy rain.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning, becoming 50% in the afternoon. Best chance in the afternoon across northern and western Argyll along with southern Lochaber.

Low Cloud and visibility: Widely poor in snow and extensive low cloud down to 500 to 900 metres in the morning. Less in the way of cloud on the tops in the afternoon with patches down to 700 to 900 metres, this chiefly across eastern Argyll, and later Kintyre, Jura and Arran.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/22 SE	16/21 SE	18/24 SE	26/33 SE	33/42 SE	28/36 SE	23/30 SE	17/23 SE	15/20 E
900	14/17 SE	13/17 SE	16/22 SE	20/27 SE	22/29 SE	20/27 SE	19/26 SE	16/22 SE	14/19 SE
600	8/11 SE	8/11 SE	13/18 SE	16/22 SE	22/28 SE	20/27 SE	17/24 SE	10/14 E	8/12 E
300	11/18 E	10/19 E	11/20 E	15/25 SE	18/28 SE	13/22 SE	11/19 E	6/11 NE	5/9 SE
Glen	4/10 SE	4/8 NE	6/11 E	5/11 NE	7/16 E	7/16 E	7/14 E	7/15 E	6/14 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11	-3/-12	-3/-12	-1/-9	-1/-8	-0/-6	-0/-6
900	-1/-7	-2/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-0/-8	1/-5	2/-4	1/-4	1/-4
600	3/-1	2/-1	3/-2	3/-2	4/-1	6/2	6/1	5/3	5/2
300	4/1	4/0	3/-1	3/-1	5/-0	7/3	7/4	6/5	6/4
Glen	6/5	6/5	6/4	6/4	7/5	9/7	9/7	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	800m	700m	700m	800m	900m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1400m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for winter conditions in the morning . Low cloud will make for hazardous navigation too.

Forecast for Friday 28 Apr 2023

Weather: Low confidence. A lot of cloud through the day with the chance of a little light rain at first, otherwise a mainly dry day.

Maximum wind: Variable in direction 5 to 10 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud between 700 and 900 metres in the morning. Cloud likely to lift off the summits as the afternoon progresses, southern Lochaber last to clear

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 12 Celsius by afternoon
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits